

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) A protective shield for a drilling or cutting tool comprising: a) a cylindrical-shaped housing having a front end and a back end, said front end able to fit flush against a working surface; b) a spring having a first end and a second end, said first end able to receive said back end of said cylindrical-shaped housing and said second end able to receive a drilling or cutting tool chuck, said cylindrical-shaped housing able to receive debris from said drilling or cutting tool operation; and ~~A device according to claim 1 further comprising a foam tube,~~ said foam tube having an exterior surface and an interior surface, said exterior surface able to be received within said spring and said interior surface able to receive a drilling or cutting tool bit.

7-9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A device according to claim ~~1~~-6 wherein said cylindrical shaped housing further comprises bristle fibers along said front end.

11. (currently amended) A device according to claim ~~1~~-6 further comprising a guide to maintain the centerline

of said protective shield on the centerline of said drilling or cutting tool, said guide having top and bottom ends and internal and external surfaces, said internal surface of said bottom end able to receive a drilling or cutting tool chuck and said external surface able to receive said first end of said spring, said top end external surface able to be received by said back end of said cylindrical-shaped housing said top end having a retention means so that said cylindrical-shaped housing is maintained on said guide during use said second end of said spring able to receive said back end of said cylindrical-shaped housing.

12. (original) A device according to claim ~~10~~11 wherein said guide is made of a heat resistant, impact resistant material.
13. (original) A device according to claim ~~10~~11 wherein said protective shield further comprises a chamber formed between said drilling or cutting tool chuck and said guide to capture debris from said drilling or cutting tool operation.
14. (original) A device according to claim ~~10~~11 wherein said guide further comprises a magnet to receive magnetically susceptible debris from said drilling or cutting tool operation.
- 15-17. (canceled)

18. A device according to claim 6 further comprising an extension means and at least one light source to illuminate said working surface, said extension means comprising a first tubular body and a second tubular body, said first tubular body having a upper, a lower end, an outer surface and an inner surface, said upper end able to receive said second end of said spring; said second tubular body having a primary end, a secondary end, an inside surface and an outside surface, said secondary end able to receive said drilling or cutting tool chuck, said inside surface able to receive said lower end of said first tubular body and ~~A device according to claim 15~~ wherein said at least one light source is at least one light emitting diode.

19. (canceled)

20. (original) A kit comprising at least one protective shield for a drilling or cutting tool comprising a cylindrical-shaped housing having a front end and a back end, said front end able to fit flush against a working surface and a spring having first and second ends, said first end able to receive said back end of said housing and said second end able to receive a drilling or cutting tool chuck, said cylindrical housing able to receive debris from said drilling or cutting tool during use; and at least one guide to maintain the centerline of said protective shield on the centerline of said drilling or cutting tool, said guide having top and bottom ends and internal and

external surfaces, said internal surface of said bottom end able to receive a drilling or cutting tool chuck and said external surface able to receive said first end of said spring, said top end external surface able to be received by said back end of said cylindrical-shaped housing said top end having a retention means so that said cylindrical-shaped housing is maintained on said guide during use said back end of said cylindrical-shaped housing able to receive said second end of said spring.

21. (currently amended) A kit according to claim 20, further comprising at least one extension means said extension means comprising; a first tubular body and a second tubular body, said first tubular body having a upper, a lower end, an outer surface and an inner surface, said upper end able to receive said second end of said spring and said outer surface being threaded; said second tubular body having a primary end, a secondary end, an inside surface and an outside surface, said secondary end able to receive said drilling or cutting tool chuck, said inside surface being ~~treaded~~threaded to receive said lower end of said first tubular body.